

# Mauro C. Escobar Santoro – CV

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## Research Interests

Main interests on network optimization, transport systems, energy optimization, and applications. More generally, mathematical programming, nonlinear optimization, and combinatorial optimization.

During my Ph.D. thesis, I worked on the optimal power flow problem of electrical networks. In particular, understanding and coding solutions under its original formulation (the non-linear non-convex AC-OPF), formulating and studying the feasibility of cyber-physical attacks and consequential defense mechanism against them, and performing statistical analyses on power grid measurements.

## Education

- 2014 - 2019** Ph.D. in Operations Research - Columbia University  
Industrial Engineering & Operations Research Department. Advisor: Daniel Bienstock.  
*Thesis defense: May 2019.*
- 2015** Master of Science - Columbia University  
Industrial Engineering & Operations Research Department. GPA: 4.08.
- 2013** Mathematical Engineer - Universidad de Chile  
Thesis Title: *Analysis of Network Coding Algorithms*.  
Supervisor: Marcos Kiwi. Jury: José Correa, Jaime San Martín.
- 2006 - 2011** Bachelor of Engineering Sciences in Mathematics - Universidad de Chile

## Publications

- **Mathematical Programming formulations for the AC-OPF problem, 2020**  
with Daniel Bienstock, Claudio Gentile, and Leo Liberti. *In 4OR, vol. 18, no. 3, pp. 249-292.*  
DOI: 10.1007/s10288-020-00455-w
- **Stochastic Defense Against Complex Grid Attacks, 2020**  
with Daniel Bienstock. *In IEEE Trans. on Control of Network Systems, vol. 7, no. 2, 842-854.*  
DOI: 10.1109/TCNS.2019.2949908
- **Security and Statistics on Power Grids, 2019**  
Ph.D. thesis supervised by with Daniel Bienstock.  
DOI: 10.7916/d8-987s-6q56
- **Learning from Power System Data Stream, 2019**  
with Daniel Bienstock and Michael Chertkov. *In 2019 IEEE Milan PowerTech.*  
DOI: 10.1109/PTC.2019.8810950
- **Computing Undetectable Attacks on Power Grids, 2017**  
with Daniel Bienstock. *SIGMETRICS Performance Evaluation Review vol. 45, no. 2, 115-118.*  
DOI: 10.1145/3152042.3152077
- **Analysis of Network Coding Algorithms (in Spanish), 2012**  
Engineering thesis supervised by Marcos Kiwi. [www.tesis.uchile.cl/handle/2250/112309](http://www.tesis.uchile.cl/handle/2250/112309)

## Talks

- Sept 2020**     *Integer Formulation for Computing Transaction Aggregation to Detect Credit Card Fraud*  
work Claudia D'Ambrosio, Leo Liberti, and Sonia Vanier. 2020 CTW, (online) Italy.
- June 2019**     *Learning from power system data stream*  
work with Daniel Bienstock and Michael Chertkov. 2019 IEEE PowerTech, Milan, Italy.
- Mar 2019**     *Cyber-Physical Attacks on Power Grids and Covariance Defense*  
work with Daniel Bienstock. 2019 Risk Day, Cambridge, UK.
- Nov 2018**     *Cyber-Physical Attacks on Power Grids and Covariance Defense*  
work with Daniel Bienstock. 2018 INFORMS Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ.
- July 2018**     *Cyber-Physical Attacks on Power Grids under the AC model and Stochastic Defense*  
work with Daniel Bienstock. SIAM - Network Science 2018, Portland, OR.
- July 2018**     *Undetectable Cyber-Physical Attacks on Power Grids under the AC model*  
work with Daniel Bienstock. EURO 2018, Valencia, Spain.
- July 2018**     *Machine Learning with PMU signals*  
work with Daniel Bienstock. ISMP 2018, Bordeaux, France.
- Nov 2017**     *Analysis on Power Grid Attacks*  
work with Daniel Bienstock. 2017 INFORMS Annual Meeting, Houston, TX.
- Nov 2015**     *On Routing Policies for Synchronized Queues*  
work with Mariana Olvera-Cravioto. 2015 INFORMS Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

## Awards

- **Fulbright Scholar (2013 - 2018)**  
Fulbright U.S.A.-Chile  
*Grant conferred to support application and development of the doctoral studies.*
- **Outstanding Student Prize (2006 - 2010)**  
Engineering School, Universidad de Chile  
*Grant conferred to the best 10% students of every year.*
- **Merit Grant: Sixth Place, Free Scholarship for the First Year (2006)**  
Engineering School, Universidad de Chile  
*Grant conferred to the first 10 from a total of 700 students that enter to the Engineering program.*
- **Maximum Score in Mathematics (2005)**  
National Entrance Exam to Chilean Universities  
*From a total of 182,761 students taking the exam, 234 obtained maximum score in Mathematics.*
- **First Place in Mathematics (2005)**  
Knowledge Olympics, Universidad de Santiago  
*National Olympics for last year high-school students.*
- **Second Place in Championship (2005)**  
Mathematics National Championship  
*National Mathematics Olympics for high-school students.*

## Teaching Experience

- 2020 -** Ecole polytechnique, Department of Computer Science  
*Teaching Coordinator for:*  
- Decision Theory, with Applications to Energy Systems: Spring 2020.
- 2014 - 2016** Columbia University, Industrial Engineering & Operations Research Department  
*Teaching Assistant for:*  
- Introduction to OR, Stochastic Models: Fall 2014,  
- Introduction to OR, Stochastic Models (Master): Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016.
- 2008 - 2012** Universidad de Chile, Mathematical Engineering & Computer Science Departments  
*Teaching Assistant for:*  
- Introduction to Calculus: Fall 2008,  
- Introduction to Algebra: Fall 2009,  
- Linear Algebra: Spring 2008,  
- Single Variable Calculus: Spring 2009,  
- Multi-variable Calculus: Fall 2010, Fall 2011,  
- Advanced Calculus: Spring 2008, Spring 2009,  
- Optimization: Spring 2010,  
- Probability: Fall 2009,  
- Measure Theory: Spring 2010,  
- Graph Theory: Spring 2011,  
- Algorithm and Data Structures: Fall 2010,  
- Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science: Fall 2011, Spring 2011, Fall 2012.
- Jan 2008** Universidad de Chile, Summer School  
*Teaching Assistant for a pre-calculus course for high-school students.*

## Professional Experience

- 2019 -** Computer Science Laboratory, Ecole polytechnique, France  
*Postdoc*  
Theoretical analysis and implementation of mechanisms to detect and prevent credit card fraud.
- 2014** Industrial Engineering Department, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Chile  
*Research Assistant*  
Implementation of an scheduling algorithm for trucks going to a copper mine, special safety conditions must be satisfied.
- 2013** Center for Mathematical Modeling, Universidad de Chile  
*Research Assistant*  
Study and mathematical modeling of the energy required by an underground train over its trajectory by means of minimum cost speed curves.
- 2010 - 2012** Center for Mathematical Modeling, Universidad de Chile  
*Research Assistant*  
Development of a social behavior modeling and simulation framework for assessing strategies in crisis response.

## Scientific Events Attendance

- CTW 2020, (online) Italy.
- IEEE PowerTech 2019, Milan, Italy.
- Risk Day 2019, Cambridge, United Kingdom.
- INFORMS Annual Meetings 2018 (Phoenix, AZ), 2017 (Houston, TX), 2015 (Philadelphia, PA).
- SIAM Network Science 2018, Portland, OR.
- EURO 2018, Valencia, Spain.
- ISMP 2018, Bordeaux, France.
- MATCH-UP 2017, Microsoft Research New England, Cambridge.
- Discrete Mathematics Summer School: 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2017.  
Universidad de Chile – Valparaíso, Chile.
- IPCO 2013, Valparaíso, Chile.
- 1st Latin American Theoretical Informatics School 2012.  
Universidad Católica San Pablo – Arequipa, Peru.
- LATIN 2012, Arequipa, Peru.

## Skills & Interests

### ■ Programming Languages

Python, Matlab, HTML.

### ■ Languages

Spanish (native), English (fluent), Italian (intermediate+), French (intermediate).

### ■ Interests

Swimming, Cycling, Running, Traveling.

## Reference

<b>Name</b>	Daniel Bienstock Liu Family Professor of Industrial Engineering & Operations Research Columbia University
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<b>Name</b>	Leo Liberti CNRS Research Director (and part-time professor) at CNRS LIX Ecole polytechnique, France
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